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Worldview at Home

Christians have long viewed the home as the hub of life. It is a nursery for aspiring astronauts, playground for wannabe heroes, and sanctuary for weary but heaven-bound wayfarers. Home is a place for cultivating virtue through meandering conversations, large helpings of laughter, hearty meals, excruciating trials, and loads of hard work. Whether you are a child learning to read, a freshman in a dormitory, newlyweds settling into a first apartment, an upstart launching a career, a family with a quiver full of children, or a widow navigating life without a spouse, the comfort of home is a stabilizing reality of life.

Yet for many, the home is far from heaven. It is hell on earth. For those suffering in the environs of oppression, the home is a cauldron of abuse, violence, and manipulation. It is a prison to escape from, not a refuge to run to. Still others have never had the privilege of permanent shelter, let alone experienced the warmth of a fireplace. As Christians discuss the value of home, we must not lose sight of the fact that the guilt and corruption of the fall reaches into every heart, and therefore into every home. Our ultimate hope lies not within the boundaries of a picket fence but in Him who is "our dwelling place" (Ps. 90:1).

When thinking through a theology of home, there are two equal but opposite errors that we must avoid. In the first place, we must not give the impression that life at home in a fallen world is everything. When we do, we are guilty of a misappropriated eschatology. Yes, we must tend to the gardens of our homes. But we must also populate the pews of the church and venture onto the highways of the world. The command of Jesus to "go" in the Great Commission pushes those of us who are tempted to withdraw into the quiet habitats of home to see that when we settle for heaven on earth, we domesticate the kingdom according to our tastes and traditions. The reason we strive to make disciples of all nations is because Christ's kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). Like Abraham, we are "looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God" (Heb. 11:10).

If one tendency we have is to idealize (and idolize) the home, then the other mistake we must avoid is marginalizing it. We must not give the impression that life at home in a fallen world means nothing. This is the error of an overly privatized sociology. In the modern world, we have fallen into the deathly trap of believing that who we are in private has little to no bearing on what we do in public. Conviction and character are severed from policy and productivity. As a result, what someone does in the confines of the home is viewed as irrelevant to success in the workplace. As Christians, however, we understand that the prayer closet and the kitchen table are vital places for developing excellence in every area of life. Our view of productivity is inextricably linked to our view of piety. The reason is simple: the dividing wall between the private and the public is meaningless before the eyes of an all-knowing God (Job 34:21). In all of our conduct, we are to be holy as He is holy (1 Peter 1:15).

The home is not a neutral zone for acting upon baseless desires, nor is it simply a bastion for maintaining traditional values. One of the primary purposes of the home is to cultivate Christlike virtues that animate who we are in private and facilitate what we do in public. When the Apostle Paul addressed the households in the church of Colossae, he instructed wives, husbands, children, masters, and servants alike to put to death the exploits of the flesh, put on the qualities of Christ, and do everything in word and deed for the glory of God (Col. 3:1-4:1). In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul sandwiches his instructions to households between teaching on devotion and worship (Eph. 5:1-21) and spiritual warfare (6:1-20). And the Apostle Peter prefaces his comments to families with an extended discussion on the church (1 Peter 2:1-11;

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Anniversaries

- 02Gloria & John Gill
- 03 Sheryl & Ted Alba
- 09 Diane & John Norkus
- 15 Sandra & Oliver Brown
Billie & Jim McPherson
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Children's Chatter: Let's Talk about . . .

But Jesus Called to him, saying, "Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16

Promotion Sunday is September 10th. To ensure that all are prepared for the new Sunday school year, we ask that parents please stop by the table in the narthex on Sundays, July 30th or August 6th, and register your child(ren) from newborn through sixth grade.

Nursery Needs: Our infant nursery is in need of volunteers for morning and evening services. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help and then contact Monica Boyd by phoning 706-736-4373 or via an email to mhboyd@comcast.net.

Welcome New Nursery Worker: Please join us in welcoming Kerry Moore to our wonderful nursery team. Kerry is a third grade teacher who loves children and enjoys being and talking with them. She is excited about being here and looking forward to getting to know our children and their parents.



Also in toddler nursery, we are asking for children's Christian books. Our books are well worn and falling apart. We would be grateful for new or lightly used Bible story books. Board books are great for our youngest, but older children enjoy stories about Bible characters, especially stories of Jesus. Please see Fay Deal for more information.

VBS Update: Mark your calendar NOW for the week of June 11-15, 2018. Our Scottish sleuths will return to solve *The Case of the Cardiac Crusader*, which is the story of David, a "man after God's own heart," who went from shepherd to king. Plan now and schedule vacations around this week as God will do a mighty work in VBS again. We still have a white apron and a brown magnifying glass to be retrieved from the church office.

**"But tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and His might,
and the wonders that He has done."
Psalm 78:4**

Ministry thru Music

The **Augusta Youth Chorale's** ninth season begins in September. Auditions will be held each Sunday during the month of August. Do you happen to know someone who might like to sing in a choral setting with wonderful opportunities to enjoy new friends and share their gifts with others? Have them visit our website for information, www.augustayouthchorale.org, or contact me with an email to spylant@knology.net.

The **Sanctuary Choir** resumes rehearsals Wednesday, August 2, with opportunities to lead weekly in worship and through two wonderful upcoming music celebrations: a Fall Celebration, Sunday evening, September 17, and our *Evensong: A Christmas Festival*, Sunday evening, December 17. Come join us!

Children's Choir rehearsals resume Sunday, August 13, under the direction of Kay Lovingood; kaylov@comcast.net. For our young ones, this is a great opportunity for musical training, fellowship with others, and with leading in worship.

Our **Brass Ensemble** resumes rehearsals Wednesday evening, August 16. If you play a brass instrument and are interested in joining us, please contact me at 706-210-9090 or via an email to music@christchurchpres.org.

*Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you.
I will hold you up with My victorious right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10, NLT

Stan Pylant, Director of Music



Attention Trail Life Troop! Mark your calendars today and make plans to be a part of wonderful times in the Lord at the upcoming fellowship and development opportunities listed below:

- ◇ Wiffleball Tournament and Picnic – Saturday, August 5, from 9 a.m. until noon on the church campus.
- ◇ Open House – Monday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. A time of information for anyone interested in joining or leading.
- ◇ Shooting Sports Day – Saturday, August 26, from 9 a.m. until noon beginning in Covenant Hall and transitioning outdoors.

For more information, please contact Troopmaster John Norkus at 706-373-2173 or via an email to thenorkusfamily@comcast.net.

Missions Prayer Bands

Rick and Betty Aschmann – Ecuador – Mission

Rick and Betty met in Ecuador. Betty served with HCJB World Radio from 1992 to 2000. She worked in an international television production studio producing Christian programs in Spanish for Latin America.

Rick and his family served for many years in a cooperative agreement between Mission to the World (MTW) and Wycliffe Bible Translators, working in Colombia from 1981 to 1994. His first wife, Heidi Marie, died in 1997 after a long battle with cancer. In 1998, Rick was reassigned to Ecuador to work with the Quichua Indian language. Rick and Betty married in March 2000 and have been serving since then in Ecuador.

Rick's ministry focuses on leadership training, literature production, Bible translation and church nurture in the Quichua Indian language. In addition to helping with Rick's ministry, Betty produces leadership training videos.

In 2013, Rick and Betty went to Bogotá, Colombia, for two years, joining the MTW team there for further training in preparation for a new church planting internship. In 2015, they returned to Ecuador to begin a new work in church planting among the Quichua Indians. A small church plant has begun, and Rick is also currently involved in Bible translation projects.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for the Imbabura Quichua Bible revision project to be completed well and in the near future so that the Imbabura Quichuas may again have God's Word available to them in their own language.
- Praise for the Central Highland Quichua New Testament that has come out in a bilingual edition, Spanish on the left and Central Highland Quichua on the right. The Quichuas really like it and it has been selling like hot cakes.
- Continue praying for the Quichua Bible study, that the group will continue to grow both in size and in Christian maturity and knowledge of God and His Word.
- Please pray that their support will remain strong so their work will not be hindered.

The next Missions Prayer Bands will meet on Sunday, August 20, at 5:00 p.m. Please make every effort to spend time around the tables to pray for our missionaries.

Save the Date

2017 Apologetics Conference

Please mark your calendars now and make plans to join us for our annual Apologetics Conference this year. The conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22. Our guest speaker will be our founding pastor, Dr. Gordon Reed. Please make every effort not to miss this opportunity to join with our church family in welcoming back Dr. Reed for these special services and hearing him proclaim God's Word.



Good News Club

The Lord blessed the Good News Club work at River Ridge Elementary School this year with an average of 40 to 50 participating throughout the year. Jane Bowen has coordinated this work for many years and will be stepping down for medical reasons. Please pray for a volunteer to lead this work next year and for additional helpers to volunteer.

The Coordinator meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1, at 5:30 p.m. (**new date/time**) in the CEF office located at 4246 Washington Road in Evans. Anyone interested in filling the role of coordinator should attend this meeting.

The Good News Club training: Children's Ministry Conference, will be held on August 19 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 4303 Wheeler Road in Augusta. The training will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. for new volunteers, and 12:45 p.m. for returning volunteers. The church will reimburse the cost of CEF training for all volunteers. Please contact Jane Bowen at 706-738-1816 if you are interested or would like additional information.

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2:12-3:8), an important reminder that home life can never be isolated from church life.

This side of heaven, home should be a place where faith, hope, and love flourish. Faith in the sure work of Christ crucified and resurrected. Hope in the power of the gospel to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil. And love for a triune God whose glory and beauty knows no end. The Christian home in a fallen world is a place of rooted optimism. Rooted in the place where God has called us and optimistic about a far greater place He is preparing for us. The home front is the forlorn battlefield of the cultural wars. In our strivings to defend the gospel against doctrinal decline in the church and increasing secularism in the culture, we must not forget the importance of cultivating virtue in the home. For the church to remain a city on the hill, the light of the gospel must shine brightly in the home.

— John W. Tweeddale

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AUGUST

Weekly Sunday Schedule: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	9:00 a.m. Trail Life Troop Wiffleball Tournament and picnic
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m. Trail Life Navigator Patrol Meeting	7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering	6:30 p.m. Session Prayer & Meeting 7:00 p.m. Trail Life Troop Open House		6:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	
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